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AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS:

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions and listings of claims in the application. The current status of claims 1- 26 is as follows:

1.-8. Cancelled.

9. (Previously Presented). A lawnmower blade assembly comprising:

a shaft configured to be in rotatable communication with a motor;

a stub in communication with said shaft;

a blade; and

a receiver coupled to said blade, said receiver including a receiving portion and at least a plurality of flexible members configured for moving between outward and inward positions for engaging and retaining said stub in said receiving portion in a releasable engagement, said flexible members including, engaging portions for moving between said inward and outward positions, and ends, said ends in communication with said engaging portions, said ends configured such that downward pressure on said ends moves said engaging portions to said outward positions, allowing for at least the disengagement of said blade from said stub.

10. (Previously Presented). The blade assembly of claim 9, wherein said shaft, stub, blade and receiver are configured to be in coaxial alignment, such that said blade is balanced upon rotation.

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11. (Previously Presented). The blade assembly of claim 10, wherein said stub includes an outer surface and said receiving portion includes an inner surface, said outer and said inner surfaces correspondingly configured with respect to each other for allowing a sufficient but minimal amount of rotational play for said blade.

12. (Previously Presented). A lawnmower blade comprising:

a blade body, said blade body including oppositely disposed cutting portions and a platform intermediate said oppositely disposed cutting portions; and

a receiver, said receiver coupled to said platform in a substantially coaxial alignment, said receiver including flexible members for moving between outward and inward positions for retaining at least a portion of a rotatable member in communication with a motor in a releasable engagement at least partially within said receiver, said flexible members including first portions configured for moving between said outward and inward positions and second portions, in communication with said first portions, said second portions configured such that downward pressure thereon moves said first portions to said outward positions, said receiver configured for receiving and retaining at least a portion of the rotatable member in a substantially coaxial alignment therewith, such that said lawnmower blade is balanced upon rotation.

13. (Previously Presented). The lawnmower blade of claim 12, wherein said first portions of said flexible members include bodies configured for spring-like behavior.

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14. (Previously Presented). The lawnmower blade of claim 12, wherein said receiver includes a receiving portion for receiving at least a portion of a rotatable member.

15. (Currently Amended). The lawnmower blade of claim 14, wherein said ~~the~~ receiving portion includes an inner surface that is configured to receive at least a portion of a rotatable member in a manner to allow a sufficient but minimal amount of rotational play for said blade.

16. (Previously Presented). A lawnmower blade comprising:

a blade body, said blade body including oppositely disposed cutting portions and a platform intermediate said oppositely disposed cutting portions; and

a receiver, said receiver coupled to said platform in a substantially coaxial alignment, said receiver including a receiving portion for receiving at least a portion of a rotatable member, and flexible members for moving between outward and inward positions for retaining at least a portion of the rotatable member in a releasable engagement at least partially within said receiver, said flexible members including first portions configured for moving between said outward and inward positions and second portions, in communication with said first portions, said second portions configured such that downward pressure thereon moves said first portions to said outward positions, said receiver configured for receiving and retaining at least a portion of the rotatable member in a substantially coaxial alignment therewith, such that said lawnmower blade is balanced upon rotation.

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17. (Previously Presented). The lawnmower blade of claim 16, wherein said first portions of said flexible members include bodies configured for spring-like behavior.

18. (Previously Presented). The lawnmower blade of claim 17, wherein the receiving portion includes an inner surface that is configured to receive at least a portion of a rotatable member in a manner to allow a sufficient but minimal amount of rotational play for said blade.

19. (Currently Amended). A lawnmower blade comprising:

a blade body, said blade body including oppositely disposed cutting portions and a platform intermediate said oppositely disposed cutting portions; ~~and~~

a receiver, said receiver coupled to said platform in a substantially coaxial alignment, said receiver including at least two flexible members, each of said flexible members configured for moving between outward and inward positions for retaining at least a portion of a rotatable member in communication with a motor in a releasable engagement at least partially within said receiver, each of said flexible members including oppositely disposed first and second ends, ~~and~~ said first ends including first portions ~~at said first ends~~ configured for moving between said outward and inward positions, and said second ends including second portions, said second portions discontinuous with and ~~at said second ends,~~ in communication with said first portions, said second portions configured such that pressure thereon moves said first portions to said outward positions~~,~~; and,

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said receiver is configured for receiving and retaining at least a portion of the rotatable member in a substantially coaxial alignment therewith, such that said lawnmower blade is balanced upon rotation.

20. (New). The lawnmower blade of claim 19, wherein said first portions of said flexible members include bodies configured for spring-like behavior.

21. (New). The lawnmower blade of claim 19, wherein said receiver includes a receiving portion for receiving at least a portion of a rotatable member.

22. (New). The lawnmower blade of claim 21, wherein the receiving portion includes an inner surface that is configured to receive at least a portion of a rotatable member in a manner to allow a sufficient but minimal amount of rotational play for said blade.

23. (New). A lawnmower blade comprising:

a blade body, said blade body including oppositely disposed cutting portions and a platform intermediate said oppositely disposed cutting portions; ~~and~~

a receiver, said receiver coupled to said platform in a substantially coaxial alignment, said receiver including:

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a receiving portion for receiving at least a portion of a rotatable member, said receiving portion positioned on said platform to maintain said blade body in a substantially coaxial alignment with a rotatable member; and,

at least two flexible members, each of said flexible members configured for moving between outward and inward positions for retaining at least a portion of a rotatable member in communication with a motor in a releasable engagement at least partially within said receiving portion, each of said flexible members including oppositely disposed first and second ends, said first ends including first portions configured for moving between said outward and inward positions, and said second ends including second portions, said second portions in communication with said first portions, said second portions configured such that pressure thereon moves said first portions to said outward positions.

24. (New). The lawnmower blade of claim 23, wherein said first portions of said flexible members include bodies configured for spring-like behavior.

25. (New). The lawnmower blade of claim 23, wherein said receiving portion includes a tubular segment for receiving a correspondingly shaped portion of a rotatable member.

26. (New). The lawnmower blade of claim 25, wherein said tubular segment includes an inner surface with protrusions along said inner surface, said protrusions for receiving a

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correspondingly configured surface of at least a portion of a rotatable member in a locking engagement.